

MINUTES APRIL 09, 2013  
NORTHGATE HIGH SCHOOL  
SCHOOL SITE COUNCIL

**I. Welcome**

The Site Council meeting was called to order at 3:20 p.m. The following members were present:

Ruth Carver	Judy Cubillo
John Salazar	Shirley McClelland
Meredith Lyon	Margaret Vercammen
Lisa Liu	Teresa Bloom
Michelle Prebilic Reese	Mary Phalon
Stephen Brady	David Hevel
Mary Privitera	

**II. Approval of Minutes**

The March 12, 2013 Site Council minutes were reviewed. A motion was made to accept the March 12, 2013 minutes. The motion was made and seconded.

**III. Student Report**

**Junior Rep: Lisa Liu**

All Choir and instrumental Music groups will travel to Disneyland April 17-21, where they will perform for park visitors and have workshop time with Disney's professional conductors. Campus Supervisor, Shannon Bottorf will accompany along parent chaperones.

NHS Jazz Band I participated in the Monterey Next Generation Jazz Festival this past weekend. High appreciation for Mr. McMorris' and Pete Ceresa's attendance and support.

JSA; Northern California. The "Spring State" will meet for debates and vote for 2013-2014 officers in Santa Clara on April 26-28.

Art students are preparing for AP testing.

Students getting ready for STAR testing for week of April 29<sup>th</sup>, AP EXAMS in May,  
As well as SAT I & II in May.

Varsity Tennis is standing undefeated in our league. Softball has had a great kick-off the  
the season, currently they have a record of 8-2 and will start the league games today with  
Berean.

#### **IV. Principals Report (Mr. Brady reporting for Mr. McMorris)**

Mr. Brady reported that the district will be following up on NG safety issue regarding lighting on Hutchinson behind the baseball field.

#### **V. ELAC Report (Stephen Brady)**

Nothing to report.

#### **VI. Technology Advisory Committee (David Hevel)**

Technology advisory committee met last Tuesday. They broke into groups to discuss professional development and acceptable use policies. Reviewed ways to support teachers...consensus was that there needs to be an individual on each site that was a technology specialist.

Our local technology committed attended as well, and we discussed iPads vs. computers. Mr. Hevel states that he needs to get clarification to see if each site can choose.

#### **VII. Department Report**

##### **A. English Department**

Meridith Lyon reported on the status of class size reduction for the Freshman English. The freshman teachers reported that they have better control of their classrooms and have more one on one, but overall just better classroom management with less students and more learning. The common core in English means reading 70% novels and 30% non-fiction, and that all freshman classes have three standard novels with a bit of flexibility with some other novels as well. With curriculum maps and teaching skill-sets these various options are using assignments and creativity as a vehicle to teach. She adds that her colleagues share camaraderie in the English department which helps to promote creativity in their lesson plans etc. Also, will talk to her department about bringing back a summer reading program that will help support incoming freshman and sophomores.

Mr. Hevel brought up a concern with the D's and F's in Freshman English asked Ms. Lyon if the D's and F's was a lack of motivation from students. Ms. Lyon responded that it is a maturity issue, and that freshman fail in the act of handing in assignments and of being more irresponsible. Mr. Hevel would like to help students become more engaged and have more hands on, and would like to see how site council can be more supportive next year.

## **VIII. Looking forward to Next Year**

### **A. Budget Allocation**

### **B. Planning for Next Year**

A. Total of \$44,800.00 has been allocated for SC for next year.

B. David Hevel concerned about the D's and F's, learned that they were much worse than we had thought. The total number of D's and F students is 417 which is approximately 25% of the student population. A total of 889 students have at least one D or F that is 9% of the grades given. Hevel went on to explain that NG needs to address this issue and since we have our district allocation now he would like to see SC spend in the summer of what we want to do in the fall. Hevel had some ideas he would like to propose since class size reduction is just not enough, and expresses his concern for more changes to correct the D's and F problem.

- a. He would like to suggest that SC help the departments in which students are struggling by creating data from teachers to reflect student needs and to determine problem areas.
- b. Would also like to experiment with the Visual Art and Algebra classes to help students connect and to support math concepts. This would be a great intervention of Art and Math but would need an Algebra teacher to help develop a curriculum that would be set in the Art department.
- c. Another option is SC could support funds to hire another teacher (such as a math coach) as support to the Algebra and Aims classes. Such support would be assessing students and more one on one.

Mrs. Hevel concluded with his proposals, and added that with possibly the help from curriculum council since they oversee the master schedule and have funds available to help, maybe we can collaborate for a better plan for next year.

## **IX. Mary Phalon (PFC)**

Spring for Education Auction is Friday night 4/12/13, we have room for 8 teachers for free.

Budget is not being met. Mary explained she was frustrated with extremely low participation, but understands that people are busy....but added we still need donations.

**X. Public Comments**

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Next meeting is 5/7/13.